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**Fresno, California**

**Minimum Requirements for Certification**

**I. Enforce Appropriate State or Local Legislation for the Designation and Protection of Historic Properties.**

**A. Preservation Laws**

What amendments/revisions have you made to the certified ordinance? (OHP must have the opportunity to review and comment on ordinance changes prior to adoption. Changes that do not meet the CLG requirements could affect certification status.) Attach a copy of your current historic preservation ordinance or those sections of your municipal code that address preservation. Are amendments being considered or proposed? If so, please summarize.

There have been no changes to the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance during the past report year.

**B. New Local Landmark Designations (Comprehensive list of properties/districts designated under local ordinance)**

What properties/districts have been locally designated (or de-designated) this past year? Include the date of designation (or de-designated) and date recorded by County Recorder.

Property Name/Address	Type of Designation	Date Designated/Removed	Date Recorded
Former Santa Fe Land Improvement Company Boarding House, 209 North Diana Street	Historic Property #257	March 11, 2008	4/22/2008
The Gustav and Edith Manheim Home 617 E. Pine Avenue	Historic Property #258	March 11, 2008	4/22/2008
The Floyd W. Cowan Home 642 East Weldon Avenue	Historic Property #259	March 11, 2008	4/22/2008
W.P. Stanton Home 650 East Weldon Avenue	Historic Property #260	March 11, 2008	4/22/2008
Fresno Photo Engraving Building 748-752 Fulton Street	Historic Property #261	September 30, 2008	10/06, 2008
Liberty Laundry Building 1830 Inyo Street	Historic Property #262	September 30, 2008	10/06/2008
Baskin's Auto Supply Sign 729 Broadway	Historic Property #263	September 30, 2008	10/06/2008

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**C. Design Review Responsibilities**

*Who takes responsibility for design review? Do all projects subject to design review go to the commission? Are some reviewed at the staff level, without commission review? What is the threshold between staff-only review and full- commission review?*

Design review is handled on a case-by-case basis. Any minor projects that use the Secretary's Standards are approved at the staff level pursuant to Section 12-1617 (b) FMC (Historic Preservation Ordinance). Changes that are more substantial are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission at a noticed public hearing. In addition to the Historic Preservation Commission, the City has several design-review committees that function at a neighborhood level. Two of particular importance are the Fulton-Lowell and Tower District Design Review Committees. Although in the past there have been disputes over protocol, it is now clear that the Historic Preservation Commission has final authority over listed historic resources. However, site plan applications and variances are reviewed by these neighborhood groups and their opinion and input are of great value.

**D. Environmental Review Responsibilities**

*To what extent do staff and/or commission provide input to and review of CEQA and Section 106 documents? What is the process your local government follows? Be specific; include examples.*

All tract maps and demolition permits are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Project Manager for the potential of the project to adversely affect historic resources. Developers are required to hire a consultant meeting the Secretary's Professional Qualifications to prepare a historic survey for parcels that include pre-1960 resources. Environmental documents---Mitigated Negative Declarations and EIRs that may affect historic properties---are routinely reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing. For Section 106, Staff provides all the minor HUD reviews under the City's Programmatic Agreement with the SHPO. Environmental reviews during this reporting year by the Historic Preservation Commission include the HUD funded multi-family Bastian Court Project, CEQA analysis for Hotel Fresno and review of the Supplementary EIR for the Old Armenian Town Redevelopment Project.

**II. Establish an Adequate and Qualified Historic Preservation Review Commission by State or Local Legislation.**

**A. What is the formal name of your board or commission?** City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission.

**B. Commission Membership**

*Who are the current members (and alternates, if applicable), the discipline or public member role filled, their date of appointment, and date their appointment expires? Include resumes and appropriate Qualifications Review forms for all members. If your do not have two qualified professionals on your commission, why have the professional qualifications not been met and how is professional expertise being provided? If all positions are not currently filled, why is there a vacancy, and when will the position will be filled?*

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Name	Discipline	Date Appointed	Date Appt. Expires	Email Address
Kevin Enns-Rempel	M.A. History, Archivist Fresno Pacific University	8/0/01 (reappointed)	6/30/04	kennsrem@fresno.edu
Cam Maloy	Public Member, (Economic Development)	9/18/02 reappointed 3/2/04	6/30/07	Cam7@pge.com
Michele Randel AIA, CSI	Architecture	5/01/05	6/30/05	mrandel@psnw.com
Don Simmons, Ph.D.	Public Member	2/07/06	6/30/08	creativepotential@ gmail.com
Molly LM Smith	Architecture	5/01/05	6/30/06	Mollys- vai@sbcglobal.net

There have been two vacancies on the Commission for the past reporting year. In addition, all commissioners now have expired appointments. This information has been provided to the new Mayor's transition team and it is hoped that she will fill vacancies at her earliest convenience.

**C. Commission Staff**

*Who are your current commission/CLG staff, their discipline, and their date of appointment/assignment? Is the staff to your commission the same as your CLG coordinator? Include resumes and appropriate Qualifications Review forms for all new staff. If the position(s) is not currently filled, why is there a vacancy?*

Name/Title	Discipline	Dept. Affiliation	Email Address
Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A. (CLG Coordinator) Historic Preservation Project Manager	Architectural history, folklore, anthropology, oral history, green building/incentives	Planning and Development Department; hired June 3, 2002	Karana.hattersley- drayton@fresno.gov
Darrell Unruh, Advanced Planning Manager (HPC Secretary)	Sociology/Planning	Planning and Development Department	Darrell.unruh@fresno.gov
Cheryl Haroldsen, Recording Secretary		Planning and Development (Code Enforcement Division)	<a href="mailto:Cheryl.haroldsen@fresno.gov">Cheryl.haroldsen@fresno.gov</a>
Jack Van Patten, MCRP, AICP	Planning (Planner II)	Planning and Development	jack.vanpatten@fresno.gov

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**D. Attendance Record**

Please attach in chart form for each commissioner and staff member, the attendance records for meetings. .

Name	Meetings											
Commissioners:	10/22/07	11/26/07	12/17/08	1/28/08	2/25/08	4/28/08	5/19	6/23	7/28/08	8/25/08	9/08/08	9/22/08
Enns-Rempel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maloy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Randel	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P
Simmons	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	A
Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Staff:												
Hattersley-Drayton	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Unruh	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Haroldsen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	X	X	P
Van Patten	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A

P= Present    A= Absent    X= No longer serving the Commission

Unfortunately the minutes have not been prepared for either the April or May meetings.

**E. Training Received**

What training has each commissioner and staff member received, including descriptions and dates of training? (Remember it is a CLG requirement is that all commissioners and staff to the commission attend at least one approved training program per year.)

Commissioner/Staff Name	Training Title and Description	Date
Karana Hattersley-Drayton	The Use and Application of the California Historical Building Code, San Diego (CPF)	January 15, 2008
All Commissioners and Staff	Vernacular Architecture Forum National Conference, Fresno (various tours and special events)	May 7-10, 2008
All Commissioners and Staff	Parliamentary Protocol; Brown Act; Commission By-Laws	August 25, 2008
Karana Hattersley-Drayton	Green-Point Rating, Build It Green, Fresno	September 12, 2008

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**III. Maintain a System for the Survey and Inventory of Properties that Furthers the Purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act**

**A. Historical Contexts**

Have you initiated, researched, or developed any historical contexts? If you have, list and describe in several sentences each historical context, how it is being used, and the date submitted to OHP (if you haven't done this, submit with this report).

Context Name	Description	How it is Being Used	Date
Mid-Century Modernism	This context, prepared by Lauren MacDonald (Planning Resource Associates, Inc.) was prepared to assist in the identification, evaluation and preservation of significant historic buildings, sites, landscapes associated with mid-Century Modernism in Fresno, for the period 1940-1970. The research included primary and secondary source materials, with several taped interviews with architects and planners who have personal memories of this era and/or worked for the firms that were important in Fresno. The context also includes a list of significant examples of mid-Century modernism as well as short biographies of the major designers.	Reference material as with all survey reports.	Submitted with report, December 2008.
North Park	The historic context for this survey has been completed but the full survey report has not been submitted.		

**B New Surveys (excluding those funded by OHP)**

Have you carried out any surveys or re-surveys? If you have, list the areas surveyed, level (reconnaissance or intensive), acreage, number of properties surveyed, and the date when the survey was submitted to OHP (if you haven't done this, submit with this report).



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Area	Context Based-yes/no	Level: Reconnaissance or Intensive	Acreage	# of Properties Surveyed	Date
6785 and 6825 W. Barstow	Yes	Intensive		Two parcels	
890 S. Armstrong	Yes	Intensive		One parcel	
Pinedale	Yes	Reconnaissance and Intensive	30 blocks	12 properties evaluated on DPR forms	December 31, 2008
South Stadium---Phase I Area	Yes	Reconnaissance for Phase II and III Intensive for Phase I	6 City blocks	36 properties evaluated on DPR forms	December 31, 2008
Fresno Chinatown Project Extended Phase I Study (Archaeological)	Yes	Extended Phase I archaeological survey; included as well catalogue of cache of Japanese restaurant ceramics pre World War II	One property and alleyways	One property	

**C. Changes to Existing Surveys/Inventories**

*Have you made corrections to any surveys/inventories, or have you identified any corrections that need to be made? If you have, what are the reasons for the changes (new information, alteration [approved/not approved], demolition [approved/not approved], etc.)? Submit those changes with this report.*

Property Name/Address	Correction Made/Required	Reason	Date
Warehouse Row, National Register District, Local Register District, 702 P Street	One of the five buildings in this complex, the former Consumer's Ice Company Building, was demolished in August 2008.	The Director of Planning and Development, following personal inspection and review of fire, architectural, code enforcement and structural engineering reports found that the buildings posed an	August 21, 2008

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Property Name/Address	Correction Made/Required	Reason	Date
		imminent threat to public safety and ordered it demolished under Section 12-1617 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (see press release in appendix)	

**IV. Provide for Adequate Public Participation in the Local Historic Preservation Program**

**A. Public Education**

*What public outreach, training, or publications program have you undertaken? Please provide copy of all publications or other products not previously provided to OHP.*

Item or Event	Description	Date
<p>"In the Garden of the Sun: California's San Joaquin Valley," Vernacular Architecture Forum National Conference, May 7-10 2008, Fresno.  Sponsored by the Planning and Development Department in collaboration with the Fresno Historical Society.</p>	<p>Several artifacts---publications, programs and posters--- were created for or in tandem with this event. "Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of the San Joaquin Valley" was prepared and printed by the Department of Planning and Development. Copies were given to all conferees. Following the conference copies were sent to most of the major regional and state libraries, museums and universities. Additional copies were recently printed and are for sale. The publication won a CPF award and also served as the basis for a 4-lecture series which the City's Historic Preservation Project Manager gave for the OSHER Institute at Fresno State University, fall 2008.</p> <p>The National Trust for Historic Preservation, working with staff, prepared a walking tour brochure of Fresno's New Deal buildings and sites, in celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Deal. 1000 copies were printed, given to conferees, but are also available for tourists, school groups, etc.</p> <p>Public programming also included a month-long art exhibition at Fresno's City Hall.</p>	<p>May 2008  (reprinting of publication with revisions, December 2008)</p>

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Item or Event	Description	Date
Public Forums, VAF	Three free public forums were underwritten by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation as part of the VAF conference. The opening night plenary included a talk by Gerald Haslam, Ph.D. on "The Other California." On Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> , John King, architecture critic for the San Francisco Chronicle gave a slide talk on "Today's Vernacular Architecture". And the Saturday's Presidential session included slide presentations by Gray Brechin on the New Deal and Donna Graves on California's Japan Towns.	May 7-10 2008
Central California Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council	Power Point Presentation on "Fresno Green," (which includes credits for historic preservation, landscapes, public art)	5 February 2008
Fig Garden Woman's Club	Slide Talk: "Historic Architecture and Preservation in Fresno"	13 February 2008
Leadership Fresno	Power Point talk: "Fresno Green"	28 February 2008
City of Fresno, Planning and Development Workshop	Urban Forest Workshop, included presentation on historic landscapes	2 April 2008
Fresno Historical Society Home Tour: Fig Garden Woman's Club	Power Point talk, "Fig Garden and Fresno Architecture"	21 June 2008
Short Course: OSHER Institute, Fresno State University	"Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of the San Joaquin Valley"	September 2008
Fresno State University	Walking Tour of the Wilson Island (Tower District)	27 September 2008

**All slide talks above by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Historic Preservation Project Manager**

**V. State Procedures for Certification**

**A. Preservation Plan**

*Have you made any updates to your historic preservation plan or historic preservation element to your community's general plan? If you have, please include a narrative summary and a copy of the updated document.*

There have been no updates to the General Plan since the Variety Pak (sic) of December 31, 2006.



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**B. Local Incentives**

*Do you have projects that have taken advantage of local incentives for historic preservation, such as loan or grant programs, Mills Act tax reductions, etc.? For each project/property, list name of program, property name (if applicable) and address, and date approved by local government. For properties taking advantage of Mills Act tax incentives, enclose a copy of contract (if newly entered into during the reporting period for this annual report) for each property.*

See incentives under Question VI		
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**VI. In addition to the minimum CLG requirements, OHP is interested in a Summary of Local Preservation Programs**

*What is the current status of preservation in your community? What are the most critical preservation planning issues?*

Certainly the downturn in the economy has deeply affected preservation efforts here (and around the United States) although 8 of the 10 projects honored at the recent City of Fresno Historic Preservation Awards were in fact buildings (or individuals and groups) in the Downtown Triangle. The concern in the near future for all City of Fresno programs is funding. For example, there is no budget for surveys for the 2009 FY and thus our efforts to continue to fully document the City's heritage are on hold. In addition, we continue to have complex and contentious issues which often divide the Preservation community: the nomination by a private group of the Fulton Mall, the proposed plans to construct a mixed use project in the South Stadium area (Forest City); and historic buildings which remain vacant, with willing or often not-so-willing developers who lack the capital to make the needed improvements. On the bright side, there has been considerable movement away from the negative climate of 5-6 years ago with deeper understanding on the part of City officials of the economic importance of historic preservation.

*What is the single accomplishment of your local government this year that has done the most to further preservation in your community?*

The publication of the volume of essays, "Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of the San Joaquin Valley" has brought positive attention to the history and heritage of the region. Copies of the publication were placed in local, regional and state libraries, museums and historical societies.

*How did you meet or not meet the goals identified in your annual report for last year?*

**Goals Met:**

1. The number one goal for this past year was to successfully host the Vernacular Architectural Forum National Conference. The event, co-sponsored by the City's Planning and Development Department and the Fresno Historical Society (with support from the National Trust and other regional planning firms), attracted conferees from 32 states and two foreign countries. The weather was perfect; the region's history and architectural heritage were showcased; Fresno was "put on the map."
2. The publication, "Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes..." was produced and won a California Preservation award.

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3. No adverse changes to date have occurred to the historic preservation program due to shifting department goals and priorities. The Historic preservation archives and office has remained in its current location.
4. Staff continued to work to integrate historic preservation (and green) goals into regional planning issues, such as the Southeast Growth Area, and wrote and reviewed drafts of the cultural element for the draft Plan.
5. The Mid-Century Modernism context and Chinatown archaeological study were completed.

### **Goals Not Met:**

1. The North Park Historic Survey has yet to be finalized, although the historic context and findings were presented to and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its July 28, 2008 meeting.
2. No new historic districts have moved forward to the City Council for designation.

*What are our local historic preservation goals for 2008-2009?*

1. Complete the Wilson Island Historic District.
2. Work to resolve issues with residents requesting a historic district for Huntington Boulevard.
3. Update the Department's Fresno Green handbook and checklists.
4. Prepare a brochure on Fresno's architectural styles.
5. Pursue discussions on the Mills Act.
6. Educate new Mayor and incoming Council Members on Historic Preservation program. Renew efforts to get appointments filled to the Historic Preservation Commission.
7. Conduct oral history interviews and further documentation for Fresno's Chinatown.

*So that we may better serve you in the future, are there areas and/or issues with which you could use technical assistance from OHP? In what subject areas would you like to see training provided by the OHP? How would you like to see the training conducted (workshops, online, technical assistance bulletins, etc.)?*

- As always, please offer training opportunities in the San Joaquin Valley.

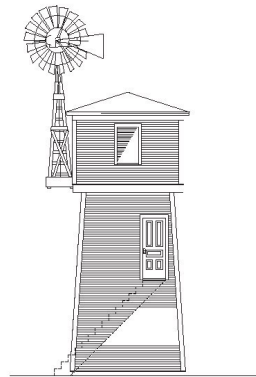
*What incentives are you providing for historic preservation in your community? What programs are you offering, what is the public utilizing, and how successful are the programs in promoting historic preservation?*

- Our incentives include team processing and review, advocacy, use of the California Historic Building Code and relief through development standards for designated historic buildings due to our updated zoning ordinance.

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**XII Attachments**

Attendance records of commissioners and staff  
Resumes and appropriate Qualifications Review Forms for all commission members/alternatives and staff  
Minutes from commission meetings  
Current historic preservation ordinance  
Press release for VAF Conference, 28 April 2008.  
Press release 20 August 2008 for demolition of historic building  
FY2008 Historic Preservation Commission report  
Copy of poster, "In the Garden of the Sun: California's San Joaquin Valley"  
New Deal Fresno: Walking Tour and Guide Pinedale Historic Survey  
Mid-Century Modernism Context  
South Stadium Historic Survey



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